UNITED STATES PLANT PATENT APPLICATION

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for

CLEMATIS PLANT NAMED

'EVIpo009'

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

BOTANICAL CLASSIFICATION

Clematis 1.

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Genus - Clematis

Subgenus - flammula

Section - viticella

VARIETY DENOMINATION

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'EVIpo009'

COMMERCIAL CLASSIFICATION Early, large-flowering cultivar

The present invention constitutes a new and distinct variety of Clematis which originated from a chance pollination between the female seed parent an unnamed, non-patented plant and an unknown male pollen parent plant.

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The objective of the selection of this Clematis variety for commercial glasshouse and nursery culture was to create a new and distinct variety with unique qualities that this variety has:

Large white flowers;

Compact growth;

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3. Red / Brown flower center.

These qualities required improvement in Clematis varieties that were in commercial cultivation and the objectives have been substantially achieved in the new variety, as evidenced by the unique combination of characteristics that are present in 'EVIpo009' which distinguish it from all other varieties of which we are aware.

The seeds from the aforementioned chance pollination were germinated and evaluations of the resulting seedling plants were conducted in a controlled environment. As a result, 'EVIpo009' was selected by Raymond J. Evison and Mogens N. Olesen in their Clematis development program in Domarie Vineries Les Sauvagees, St. Sampsons, Guernsey, Channel Islands, United Kingdom in April 1997.

Asexual reproduction of 'EVIpo009' by cuttings was first done by Raymond J. Evison and Mogens N.
Olesen in Domarie Vineries Les Sauvagees, St.
Sampsons, Guernsey, Channel Islands, United

Kingdom in June 1997. This initial and subsequent propagations have demonstrated that the characteristics of 'EVIpo009' are true to type and are transmitted from one generation to the next.

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

The accompanying color illustration show as true as is reasonably possible to obtain in color photographs of this type:

Fig. 1.1 Stem with new growth and mature
leaves, showing the attachment of
petioles;

Fig. 1.2 Mature compound leaf;

Fig. 1.3 Flower buds closed;

Fig. 1.4 Open Flower, lower part, and tepals, detached;

Fig. 1.5 Open flower viewed from the side and above.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE VARIETY

The following is a detailed description of 'EVIpo009', as observed in its growth throughout

the flowering period in glasshouses at Domarie
Vineries Les Sauvagees, St. Sampsons, Guernsey,
Channel Islands, United Kingdom. Observed plants
were cultivated for a period of 24 months in 2
liter containers. Certain phenotypical
characteristics of the variety may vary under
different environmental, cultural, agronomic,
seasonal, and climatic conditions. Color
references are made using the Royal Horticultural
Society (London, England) Colour Chart, 1995.

For a comparison, the nearest existing

Clematis variety is 'EVIrin', a patented variety

described and illustrated in U.S. Plant Patent No.

12,838 issued on 13 August, 2002. Chart 1 details

several physical characteristics of the applicant

and the comparison variety.

Chart 1

'EVIpo009' 'EVIrin' Flower main White Group Violet Group 84D. color N155A. Medium-strong Undulation of Slight tepal margin Anther color Red-Purple Dark red Group 59B

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FLOWER AND FLOWER BUD

Blooming habit: Continuous. Flowering from May

through September.

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Size: 40 to 50 mm in length. Bud

diameter is 12 to 15 mm.

Bud form: Long ovoid.

Bud color: Yellow-Green Group 144A at 1/4

opening.

Peduncle:

Surface: Smooth.

Length: 90 to 120 mm average length.

15 Color: Yellow-Green Group 144B.

Strength: Erect.

Receptacle:

NONE.

Borne: Normally singularly, some later

season will be Borne on

Compound Cymes.

Flower bloom:

Size: 140 to 180 mm in diameter.

25 Form: Upon opening, flat, with sepals

held straight.

Depth: Little depth 5 to 10 mm but anthers and stigma protrude giving the flower a total depth of 15 to 20 mm.

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Color:

Upon opening, White Group 155A.

After opening, White Group 155A.

Variations: When young the longitudinal

region of the sepal reverse may

show a slight Yellow-Green

Group 144A coloration.

Occasionally flowers may show a

slight pink coloration of

Purple Group 65A.

Fragrance: None to very light.

Lasting quality on plant: 7 to 12 days.

Lasting quality as a cut flower: 2 to 5 days.

20 Tepals:

Quantity:

Single.

Shape:

Elliptical.

Cross section:

Normally straight, occasionally

slightly cupped.

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Undulation of margin:

Entire with slight undulations.

Tepal apex:

Cuspidate.

Recurvature of tip:

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None.

Persistence: Drop off cleanly.

Arrangement: Tepals are arranged regularly.

Reproductive Organs:

Pollen:

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Quantity: Average.

Color:

Yellow-White Group 158C.

Anthers:

Size:

Large.

Color:

Red-Purple Group 59B.

Arrangement: 15

Regular.

Filaments:

Color:

White Group N155A.

Stigmas:

Protrude from anthers as

flower ages.

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Styles:

Color:

White Group 155A.

PLANT

Plant form:

Climbing and spreading depending on

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host.

Plant growth: Moderately vigorous.

Height: Seasons growth attains 2.0 to 2.5

meters.

Hardiness: Trials to date show the variety

5 hardy in USDA Zones 4-9.

Stems:

Color: Young wood: Red-Purple Group 61A.

Older wood: Greyed-Orange Group

165C.

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Shape: Cylindrical.

Length: 80 to 120 mm.

Bark:

Young wood: Smooth.

Older wood: Smooth.

Plant foliage: Deciduous. Trifoliate with

three broad elliptical to ovate

leaflets.

20 Leaf size: 40 to 50 mm (1) x 70 to 90 mm

(w).

Abundance: Above average.

Color: Top: Green Group 137B.

Bottom: Green Group 137B.

New growth: [RHS No.]

Older growth: [RHS No.]

Plant leaves and leaflets:

Stipules:

5 Absent.

Petioles:

Incidence:

Size: Average length: 60 to 80 mm.

Color: Green Group 143A maturing to

Red-Purple Group 61A.

Petioloule:

Length: 10 to 30 mm.

Color: Green Group 143A maturing to

Red-Purple Group 61A.

Leaf Edge: Terminal leaflet margin is

entire with mild undulations.

Leaflet Shape:

Base: Acute to rounded.

Apex: Acute.

20 Texture: Medium texture.

Surface:

Upper side: Rough.

Lower side: Rough.

Glossiness: Matte Finish.

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Disease resistance:

Subject to any disease that normally attacks the species, however the variety is more tolerant to [anything?] than some Clematis.